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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ira A. Gerson

Application No. 09/412,699

Filed: October 5, 1999

For: SPEECH RECOGNITION TECHNIQUE
BASED ON LOCAL INTERRUPT
DETECTION

Examiner:

Philip Sobutka

Art Unit: ~~2863~~ *2684*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following Preliminary Amendment, to be entered prior to the examination of the above-identified application.

In the claims:

- B1*
1. (Twice Amended) In a subscriber unit capable of wireless communication with an infrastructure thereby providing voice communications between a user of the subscriber unit and another person via the infrastructure, the infrastructure comprising a speech recognition server, a method comprising steps of:
engaging in a voice communication between the user of the subscriber unit and the other person via the infrastructure;
locally recognizing, during the voice conversation, presence of an interrupt indicator; and